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INTRODUCTION

The harlequin duck (Histrionicus histrionicus) is a small sea duck, found inland only during the breeding season. The male is strikingly colored with black and white spots and slashes, and chestnut sides on a deep cobalt blue background. The female is dull brown with three white spots on her face. Harlequins breed in western North America from Alaska and the Yukon south through western Montana to California; in eastern North America they breed form Baffin Island south to eastern Quebec and Labrador (Goudie 1993). In the Palaearctic they breed in Iceland, Greenland and Siberia (A.O.U. 1983). Approximately 110 pairs of harlequins currently breed in Montana (Genter 1993), with most located in the following areas: 1) tributaries of the lower Clark Fork River; 2) tributaries of the North, Middle, and South Forks of the Flathead River; 3) streams coming off the east front of the Rocky Mountains; and 4) the Boulder River (Miller 1988, 1989, Kerr 1989, Carlson 1990, Fairman and Miller 1990, Diamond and Finnegan 1992).

During the breeding season harlequins are found along fast mountain streams (Bengston 1966). In many areas harlequins use streams with dense timber or shrubs on the banks (Cassirer and Groves 1990), but they are also found in relatively open streams along the east slopes of the Rocky Mountains, Montana (Markum and Genter 1990, Diamond and Finnegan 1992) and the Arctic tundra (Bengston 1972). In Idaho, 90% of observations occurred near old growth or mature timber stands (Cassirer and Groves 1990). Mid-

stream rocks, logs, islands, or stream-side gravel bars serve as safe loafing sites are important habitat components.

Most of the ducks arrive on their inland breeding areas in mid-April to early-May; unmated males typically arrive before pairs (Kuchel 1977). The males return to the coast shortly after the females begin incubation; most are gone by early July (Kuchel 1977). The females and young remain on the streams until August or early September. This chronology is influenced by elevation and the timing of spring runoff and may vary up to several weeks between years.

The U.S. Forest Service, Region 1, lists the harlequin duck as Sensitive (Reel at al. 1989). The species is listed as a Species of Special Concern by the Montana (Genter 1992) and Idaho (Moseley and Groves 1990) Natural Heritage Programs. The eastern North American population is listed as endangered in Canada (Goudie 1993); the western population is listed under Category 2 as a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S. Department of Interior 1991).

The Montana Natural Heritage Program began surveying harlequin ducks in 1988. The survey data gave rise to questions involving site fidelity, productivity and mortality. Individual marking of birds began to a limited extent in 1991. Long term goals are: 1) developing a baseline status report of current and historic harlequin populations in Montana; 2) gather information on site fidelity, reproduction and mortality to allow estimations



of what constitute viable harlequin populations; 3) develop surveying protocols for actual and potential harlequin streams; 4) develop management guidelines for maintaining and restoring harlequin populations and habitat. Goals for 1992 included: 1) surveying additional streams for presence and status of harlequins; 2) gathering productivity data on some primary harlequin streams; and 3) marking as many individuals as possible on selected streams for long-term monitoring.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

Harlequin ducks were surveyed on parts of the Kootenai, Flathead and Lolo National Forests during May-August 1992. Most surveys were conducted by walking the stream channel (when possible) or stream bank. In most cases the surveyor walked upstream, giving more time to observe the bird before it moved out of sight. Some large streams on the Flathead National Forest were surveyed by kayak or raft. Dates, locations, km surveyed, and general characteristics of the stream reaches surveyed were recorded; any harlequins sighted were noted with location, numbers, ages, and sex of birds present. For several streams in the Flathead and Clark Fork drainages, we attempted to capture and mark all birds seen, when a licensed, qualified birdbander was present on the survey. Captured birds were identified to sex and age, weighed, measured (wing and tail), marked, and released. Except in Glacier National Park, all birds were marked with numbered USFWS aluminum leg bands and colored nasal discs, individually



recognizable by shape and color combinations. The Park felt the nasal discs would be aesthetically unacceptable to Park visitors. Birds in Glacier National Park were banded with USFWS bands and a unique combination of 3 plastic, colored leg bands.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Surveys

Flathead National Forest. Pair surveys were conducted along 200 km of 12 streams during May-June 1992 (Table 1). A minimum of 13 harlequins (5 males, 8 females) were seen on 3 streams (Table 1, Appendix B & C). These included the North Fork of the Flathead River (10, 20), Sullivan Creek (20), and Trail Creek (4 pairs); additionally we had reports of harlequins from the Middle Fork of the Flathead River (10 and 1 pair; H. Rivera) and Harrison Creek (10; J. Graham) (Table 2).

Brood surveys were conducted along 301 km of 22 streams during July - August 1992 (Table 1). A minimum of 43 different harlequin ducks were observed on 6 streams (Table 1, Appendix B & C). These included: 1) Little Salmon Creek (29, 2 brood w/ 3 & 5 young), 2) South Fork of the Flathead River (49), 3) Spotted Bear River (19, 2 broods of 3 & 4 young), 4) Sullivan Creek (2 birds, either adult 9, or fledged young), 5) Trail Creek (29, 2 broods of 4 & 4 young), and 6) White River (39, 3 broods of 1, 2, & 3 young). Additionally S. Sigler reported birds on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River (39, 2 broods of 5 & 4).

No harlequins were observed on Bunker Creek, Mid Creek, Big

Creek and Wounded Buck Creek where they have been observed in at least one of the past five years.

Kootenai National Forest. Pair surveys were conducted along 36 km of 3 streams during May-June 1992 (Table 1). A minimum of 8 harlequins (5 males, 3 females) were seen on 2 streams (Appendix B & C). These included the Vermillion River (10, 10) and Marten Creek (2 pairs plus 20).

Brood surveys were conducted along 41 km of 5 streams during late July - August 1992 (Table 1). A minimum of 18 different harlequin ducks were observed on 1 stream (Table 1, Appendix B & C). Marten Creek had 50 present with 4 broods (4,4,4,1).

No harlequins were observed on Rock Creek, Elk Creek and Swamp Creek where they have been observed in at least one of the past five years.

Lolo National Forest. Brood surveys were conducted along 42 km of 3 streams during August 1992 (Table 1). Three different harlequin ducks were observed on 1 stream (Table 1, Appendix B & C). The North Fork of the Blackfoot River had 3 juveniles present. Additionally an angler we talked to on the bay at the mouth of Marten Creek (Kootenai NF), reported that he had seen a female with a small brood in July on Graves Creek; he also stated he had seen harlequins on Deep Creek in previous years, but not in 1992. He was able to tell harlequins from other ducks present at the time (mallards and common mergansers). However, our survey and past surveys on Graves Creek have failed to find harlequins (Miller 1989, Fairman and Miller 1990). No harlequins



were observed during a survey of Trout Creek where they have been observed in at least one of the past five years.

Glacier National Park. Brood surveys were conducted along 24 km of the McDonald Creek drainage on 10-11 August 1992 and along 16 km again on 2 September 1992 (Table 1). A minimum of 50 different harlequin ducks (120; 13-14 broods of 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 7, and a group of 8 young with two size classes present) were observed on McDonald Creek and an additional 3 (10 with 2 young) on Mineral Creek (Table 1, Appendix B & C). Many other surveys were conducted throughout the season by Glacier National Park personnel (Ashley 1992). These surveys found considerable mixing of broods, both before and after marking on 10-11 August.

Breeding Chronology and Effects on Surveying. Breeding was very early this year, probably due to very low flows during spring runoff. As a result, most females apparently began egg laying and incubation several weeks early; males had left by the second pair survey of Marten Creek on 1 June. The last male was seen on McDonald Creek on 23 June 1992 about 10 days earlier than reported in 1973-75 (Kuchel 1977, Ashley 1992). All young were fledged or nearly flying by 4 August on Marten Creek and 12 August on Trail Creek. Some females and young left Marten Creek by 7 August. If other streams surveyed were more advanced chronologically, birds might have already left for the coast by the time the streams were surveyed for broods. However, most females and young were still present on 11 August at McDonald



Creek in Glacier National Park, and over 50% still remained on 2
September (Table 1). Surveys on Red Meadow, Rock and Swamp
creeks were most likely to have been affected, since many reaches
had extremely low flows or were intermittently dry by early
August.

Table 1. Streams surveyed and Harlequin Ducks observed in 1992.

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Glacier Creek		7					•
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Middle Fork Flathead River		32					
North Fork Flathead River	14 May	48	Н	2			
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Red Meadow Creek		10					
S. Fork Flathead River	m	59					
	27-26 Jul	64		4			
S. Fork White River	0	Н					
Spotted Bear River	24 Jun	22					
	13 Aug	19		-	7		2(3,4)
Sullivan Creek	2	13		7		1	
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White River	19-21 Jul	14		ო	9		3(1,2,3	3)
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	7 Aug	9						
Youngs Creek	15-17 Jul	26						
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Table 2. Miscellaneous reports of Harlequin Ducks during 1992.

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Harrison Creek	27 May	Н		•	
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Reproduction

Harlequins were present this year on at least 12 streams in the study area and adult females or broods were seen on 11 of those streams. A minimum of 42 adult females were present. Of 42 potential broods, a minimum of 31 were produced for a 74% success rate of broods per adult female. Mid-late August brood size averaged 3.27 (n=30). Most broods were seen in Class III or fledged stages of development (Bellrose 1976:27), and we made no adjustment for age of broods in our calculation of mean brood size. Success rates per adult female are biased by having incomplete early pair surveys for comparison on some streams, resulting in high recorded success rates. However, this may have been offset by some broods fledging and leaving the area prior to brood survey completion on some streams such as Trail Creek and the Vermillion River.

"Capture and Marking

The first year of the juvenile Harlequin Duck site fidelity and survival study got off to a good start. A total of 62 juvenile birds from 4 drainages were captured and marked (Table 3, Appendix D & E). Five adult males and 18 adult females were marked in addition to the 4 males and 2 females marked in 1991 (Table 3, Appendix D & E).

The two females and one male marked with nasal disks on Marten Creek in 1991 were recaptured in 1992. No problems with * the nasal disks were apparent. The ducks appeared healthy and each female successfully raised broods of 4 young during 1992.

However, USFWS aluminum leg bands were moderately worn on one female and severely worn on the other (the last number was nearly illegible). Additionally, one of the females had apparently been shot, probably in the fall 1991 hunting season; several healed, round, shot-sized holes were present in the foot webbing.

While banding in Glacier National Park in August we noted that some birds had tarsi too short to safely use both a plastic leg band and USFWS band on the same leg. In those cases we split the plastic band to make it only 1/2 as tall. This appeared to work well on one bird recaptured in September. However, we did note some injury to the hallux on both legs on another recaptured bird where all bands were full height. We used one split band (top) and one whole band (bottom) on all subsequent birds banded. We recommend that all birds banded in the future have the upper color band split in half to prevent this problem from reoccurring.

Table 3. Summary of harlequin du	cks ma	rked in	1992.		
Location	Male	Female	(Pair)	Juv.	Total
McDonald Creek, Glacier NP Trail Creek, Flathead Co. Spotted Bear R., Flathead Co. Vermillion River, Sanders Co.	3	13 3 1	(2)	4 0 4 7	53 10 8 1
Marten Creek, Sanders Co. (includes 2 pairs & 2 single males from 1991; 2 females and 1 male from 91 were also recaptured in 92)	5	3	(2)	11	19
TOTAL	9	20	(4)	62	91



MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESEARCH NEEDS

Adult harlequins show strong fidelity to breeding sites (Bengston 1972, Kuchel 1977, Dzinbal 1982, Wallen 1987). The extent of fidelity to natal areas by adults breeding for the first time is unknown, but is likely to be strong. Colonization of currently unoccupied streams is likely to be a rare event. Harlequins appear sensitive to human disturbance (Clarkson 1992, Cassirer and Groves 1991). Repeated disturbances may discourage nesting at traditional sites and reduce productivity (Rodrick and Milner 1991). However, proximity to trails and roads does not always correlate with reduced reproductive success. Sixty percent of harlequin sites were within 50 m of trails on the Rocky Mountain Front (Diamond and Finnegan 1992). In this case, most harlequin streams are located in roadless or wilderness areas and receive limited human activity prior to or during the nesting period.

Mid-stream loafing sites are important in breeding areas

(Cassirer and Groves 1990). Brood rearing areas in Idaho and

Montana west of the Continental Divide have a dense shrub or

timber/shrub mosaic on the banks (Cassirer and Groves 1989,

Gangemi 1991). East of the Divide in Montana stream banks are

more open, and most observation sites had banks composed of

gravel, grass-forb, or bedrock habitat (Diamond and Finnegan

1992, Markum and Genter 1990). Low benthic macroinvertebrate

biomass may limit the number and productivity of harlequins

(Bengston and Ulfstrand 1971, Kuchel 1977). Given these factors,

we recommend the following management strategies on harlequin streams:



- 1) minimize unnecessary human activity along harlequin streams during May through August (mid-May through June is the critical nesting period when birds are most sensitive);
- 2) a stream buffer of > 50 m should be maintained on both sides of streams for most activities; roads and trails should be > 100 m from streams and not visible from the streams;
- 3) major activities (road building, timber harvest, restoration projects, etc.) that are to be undertaken within 300 m of a stream should be done during the period 15 August 1 April;
- 4) minor activities within stream buffers (e.g. trail maintenance or reconstruction) should not be preformed during 1 June -15 July;
- 5) avoid activities which will change stream runoff patterns or decrease water quality;
- 6) limit access to harlequin streams during the breeding period

 May August; in particular do not promote activities which

 will bring people into contact with harlequins; and
- 7) in any area where major management activities are to take place in potential harlequin habitat, survey for the preceding two years both for pairs (May) and broods (mid-July to mid-August). If harlequins are present, develop a monitoring plan for harlequins during and after the activity is to take place.

Long term research and management needs involve:

1) develop a baseline status report of current and historic

- harlequin populations in Montana (currently in preparation);
- 2) investigate site fidelity, inter-stream movement, reproduction and mortality to allow estimations and modeling of what constitutes a viable harlequin population (began in 1992);
- 3) determining the primary limiting factors for harlequin duck populations in occupied and historic habitat situations in the Northern Rockies;
- 4) developing standardized surveying protocols for occupied and potential harlequin streams;
- 5) developing management guidelines for maintaining harlequin populations and habitat; and
- 6) assess the impacts of past and current habitat modification and develop techniques to restore harlequin populations and habitat.



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APPENDICES

Appendix A. Data forms

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Harlequin Duck Survey Form.	or
Date Time (Start/Finish)	Surveyor(s)
Stream Include map with exact area(s) s	
Weather (Temp., wind dir & speed, cloud	cover, precip last 24 hrs)
Accessibility?	
Group # # In (Put on map)	ndividuals
Sexes & Ages	
Marked?	
Accessibility?	
Group # # I: (Put on map)	ndividuals
Sexes & Ages	
Marked?	
Accessibility?	
Group # # I (Put on map)	ndividuals
Sexes & Ages	
Marked?	
Accessibility?	
NOTES:	

Harlequin Duck Banding Form. Date_____Location____ Sex___ Age___ T___N, R___W, Section_______Nasal Saddles Color Bands Band #_____ Lft____ Rt____ Lt___ Rt_____ Weight Wing chord Tail Tarsus____ Molt_____ Notes (with other ducks? marked, sex, age? etc.) Date · Location_ Weight Wing chord Tail Tarsus Molt_____ Notes (with other ducks? marked, sex, age? etc.) Date_____Location____ Weight _____ Wing chord ____ Tail ___ Tarsus ____ (with other ducks? marked, sex, age? etc.)

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Appendix B. Element Occurrence Records from 1992 surveys

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HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 002 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Forest Service status: SENSITIVE Global rank: G5

Federal Status: C2 S2 State rank:

Survey site name: UPPER MCDONALD CREEK

EO rank: A

EO rank comments: 11-14 PAIRS PRESENT

County: FLATHEAD

USGS quadrangle: MOUNT CANNON

AHERN PASS MOUNT GEDUHN

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

017W 27 NW4 034N

Elevation: 3153 -4200 Survey date:

First observation: 1973
Last observation: 1992-09-02 Slope/aspect:

Size (acres): 60

Location:

UPPER MCDONALD CREEK IN GLACIER NP; STREAM SECTION FROM CONTINENTAL CREEK SW TO THE NORTH END OF LAKE MCDONALD, AND INCLUDING MINERAL CREEK AND AVALANCHE CREEK AND LAKE.

Element occurrence data:

A POPULATION OF HARLEQUIN DUCKS WAS STUDIED OVER 4 YEARS. 31 BIRDS, INCLUDING 7 JUVENILES, WERE BANDED. 11-14 PAIRS PRESENT. 6/5/90: 4 PR, 11 MALE, 3 FEMALE PRESENT. 1992: A MINIMUM OF 14 BROODS PRODUCED A TOTAL OF 45 YOUNG; COLOR BANDED 40 YG AND 13 ADULT FEMALES.

General site description:

CA. 20 MILES OF MOUNTAIN STREAM.

Land owner/manager:

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Comments:

EXTENT OF OCCUPIED BREEDING HABITAT UNKNOWN. SPRING PAIRS AND LATE SEASON YOUNG REPORTED ON LOWER MCDONALD CREEK MAY OR MAY NOT BE BIRDS FROM UPPER MCDONALD CREEK POPULATION.

Information source:

KUCHEL, C.R. 1977. MS THESIS, U OF M, MISSOULA, MT, 59812.

Specimens:



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 006 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: MARTEN CREEK

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: SANDERS

USGS quadrangle: NOXON

BLOOM PEAK

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

025N 032W 32 ADDITIONAL SECTIONS

Survey date: Elevation: 2330 -2850

First observation: 1986 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1992-08-04 Size (acres): 0

Location:

THE SOUTH AND NORTH FORKS OF MARTEN CREEK ARE ON THE WEST SIDE OF NOXON RESERVOIR, CA. 8 MILES NW OF TROUT CREEK.

Element occurrence data:

(SEE ALSO: ECOMONITORING DATA) GENERALLY 2 TO 4 PAIRS BREED.

General site description:

MOUTH OF MARTEN CREEK IS MAPPED. THIS EO INCLUDES THE NORTH BRANCH (CA. 5 MILES) AND SOUTH BRANCH (CA. 1.5 MILES) AS CONTIGUOUS HABITAT.

Land owner/manager:

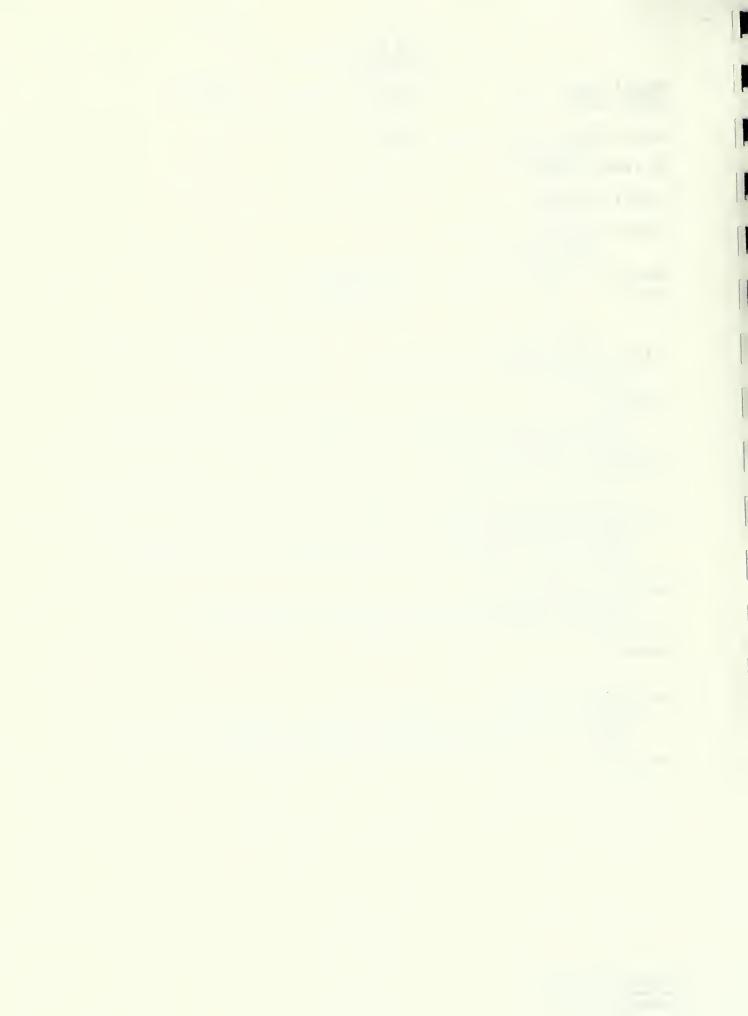
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST, CABINET RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)

Comments:

Information source:

WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, CABINET DISTRICT, KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST, HCR2, BOX 210, TROUT CREEK, MT 59874.

Specimens:



EcoMonitoring Record EM.USMTHP2*1

Sitename:

Monitoring Subject--

Scientific Name: HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS
Common Name: HARLEQUIN DUCK G Rank: G5 S Rank: S2

Sitename: Marten Creek

Element Occurrences of Concern--

Element Occurrence Code: Scientific Name:

G Rank: S Rank: ABNJB15010*006*MT HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS G5 \$2

Goals & Objectives --

Monitoring Plan: YES Monitoring Level: QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATE OF ABUNDANCE Management Plan:

Management Goals:

Monitoring Goals:

TRACK CHANGES IN THE POPULATION AND REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESS; DETERMINE SITE FIDELITY.

Monitoring Procedure--

Parameters: Threshold:

MALES FEMALES PAIRS 1 JUVENILES BROODS

Sampling Methodology:

Sampling Frequency:

MINIMUM TWICE PER YEAR, CA. MAY & JULY/AUGUST.

Visit Date(s): 1987-06-18

1987-06-22 1988-06-18

1989

1992 05 12

1992 06 01

1992 08 04

Coordinator: REICHEL, JIM

Trends & Recommendations --

Short-term Trend: STABLE Long-term Trend:

Trend Comments: POPULATION APPEARS STABLE OVER LAST 5 YEARS.

Current Condition: GOOD

Condition Comments: CURRENT POPULATION SEEMS TO BE MAXIMUM THAT HABITAT CAN SUPPORT.

Trend Information Updated: 1993-03-24

Management Recommendations:

Monitoring Recommendations:

References --

Sourcecode: Citation:

Ecomonitoring Visit Summary Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*02

Visit Date: 1987-06-18

Observer: ASH, E. & CROWE, E.

Person hours:

Effort Comments: NORTH FORK SURVEY.

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Ecomonitoring	Quantitative	Qualifying
Parameters:	Summary:	Note:
MALES	0	
FEMALES	6	
PAIRS	0	
JUVENILES	?	
BROODS	3	

Other Observations:

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Ecomonitoring Visit Summary
Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*03

Visit Date: 1987-06-22

Observer: ASH, E. & CROWE, E.

Person hours:

Effort Comments: SOUTH FORK SURVEY.

Ecomonitoring	Quantitative	Qualifying
Parameters:	Summary:	Note:
MALES	0	
FEMALES	3	
PAIRS	0	
JUVENILES	?	
BROODS	2	

Other Observations: MAY BE DUPLICATION OF BROODS OBSERVED ON NORTH FORK ON 6/18.

Ecomonitoring Visit Summary Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*04

Visit Date: 1988-06-18

Observer:

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Person hours:

Effort Comments:

Ecomonitoring Quantitative
Parameters: Summary:
MALES ?
FEMALES 1 + ?
PAIRS ?
JUVENILES 6
BROODS 1

Qualifying Note:

NEAR DEVILS GAP (NORTH FO

Other Observations: OTHER ADULTS OBSERVED, BUT DETAILS MISSING.

Ecomonitoring Visit Summary Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*05 🗸

Visit Date: 1989

Observer:

Person hours:

Effort Comments:

Ecomonitoring	Quantitative	Qualifying
Parameters:	Summary:	Note:
MALES	0	
FEMALES	2	
PAIRS	0	
JUVENILES	?	
BROODS	2	ON NORTH FORK

Other Observations:



Ecomonitoring Visit Summary Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*11

Visit Date: 1992 05 12

Observer: GENTER, DAVID

Person hours: 2.50

Effort Comments: SURVEYED SOUTH FORK UP TO SORREL GULCH.

Ecomonitoring	Quantitative		Qualifying
Parameters:	Summary:		Note:
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MALES	2		
FEMALES	0		
PAIRS	2		
JUVENILES			
BROODS			

Other Observations: RECAPTURED MALE #27560 (BANDED IN 1991). BANDED MALE #27561.

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Ecomonitoring Visit Summary Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*12

Visit Date: 1992 06 01

Observer: REICHEL, JIM, et al.

Person hours: 2.00

Effort Comments: SPOT SURVEYED CA. LOWER MILE OF NORTH FORK; WALKED UPSTREAM LOWER MILE OF SOUTH FORK.

Ecomonitoring Parameters:

MALES FEMALES PAIRS

JUVENILES BROODS

Quantitative Summary:

Qualifying Note:

Other Observations: NO DUCKS OBSERVED.

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Ecomonitoring Visit Summary Visit Code: EM.USMTHP2*1*13

Visit Date: 1992 08 04

Observer: REICHEL, JIM; BECKSTROM, STAN

Person hours: 20.00 .

Effort Comments: SURVEYED NORTH FORK UP TO CLINTON GULCH; LOWER MILE OF SOUTH FORK (STREAMS INTERMITTENT ABOVE THOSE POINTS). MOST TIME SPENT BANDING - 12 BIRDS FIRST DAY AND 3 BIRDS SECOND DAY.

Ecomonitoring	Quantitative	Qualifying
Parameters:	Summary:	Note:
MALES	0	
FEMALES	5	SINGLE FEMALE IN BAY
PAIRS	0	
JUVENILES	13	
BROODS	4	BROODS OF 4,4,4,1

Other Observations: BROODS LOCATED AT: MOUTH OF MARTEN CREEK (2); CA. 200m UP FROM MOUTH; Sec.25 SW4SE4.

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HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 008 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: VERMILLION RIVER

EO rank:

- -- EO rank comments:

County: SANDERS

USGS quadrangle: TROUT CREEK

SEVEN POINT MOUNTAIN

VERMILLION PEAK MILLER LAKE

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

024N 031W 12 SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 2340 -3400

First observation: 1988 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1992-06-01 Size (acres):

Location:

FROM TROUT CREEK GO NORTH 1.5 MILES ON SR 200, RIGHT 5 MILES ON THE BLUE SLIDE ROAD, THEN LEFT 2 MILES UP THE VERMILLION RIVER ROAD.

Element occurrence data:

1988: HEN WITH 3 YOUNG OBSERVED. 1989: 2 FEMALES WITH BROODS OBSERVED, ONE IN MAPPED LOCATION, ONE IN T24N,R30W,8 (SEVERAL MILES UPSTREAM). 1992: OBSERVED SINGLE MALE [T24N,R30W,2] AND SINGLE FEMALE [T24N,R30W,7]; MALE WAS MARKED.

General site description:

A CA. 10 MILE STREAM SEGMENT, FROM VERMILLION BAY TO VERMILLION FALLS.

Land owner/manager:

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST, CABINET RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE) PLUM CREEK TIMBER COMPANY

Comments:

PLACER MINING IN AREA. EXTENT OF OCCUPIED BREEDING HABITAT UNKNOWN.

Information source:

MILLER, V. E. (GENE). 850 HWY 200 WEST, PLAINS, MT 59859.



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 017 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: SULLIVAN CREEK

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: FLATHEAD

USGS quadrangle: CONNOR CREEK

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

026N 016W 31 NE4NW4

Survey date: Elevation: 4100 -

First observation: 1990 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1992-08-08 Size (acres):

Location:

CA. 6 MILES UP FS ROAD #547 ALONG SULLIVAN CREEK, ON THE WEST SIDE OF HUNGRY HORSE RESERVOIR.

Element occurrence data:

1990: FEMALE AND 4 YOUNG OBSERVED. 1992: 2 UNAGED BIRDS SEEN 8 AUG.

General site description:

_Land owner/manager:

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

Information source:

CARLSON, J. C. 1990. RESULTS OF HARLEQUIN DUCK SURVEYS IN 1990 ON THE FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, MONTANA. UNPUBLISHED REPORT, 31PP.

Specimens:

Element Occurrence Record Harlequin Duck Surveys in Western Montana: 1992



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 018 HARLEOUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD RIVER

EO rank:

-- EO rank comments:

County: FLATHEAD

USGS quadrangle: NIMROD

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

028N 015W 19

Survey date: Elevation: 4050 -

First observation: 1990 Slope/aspect:
Last observation: 1992-07-10 Size (acres):

Location:

ALONG THE MIDDLE FORK FLATHEAD RIVER, CA. 5 MILES BY TRAIL UPSTREAM (SOUTH) OF US 2.

Element occurrence data:

1990:1 FEMALE AND 4 YOUNG OBSERVED. 1992: 1 FEMALE WITH 4 CHICKS PLUS A SECOND FEMALE OBSERVED NEAR MOUTH OF SPRUCE CREEK.

General site description:

Land owner/manager:

GREAT BEAR WILDERNESS
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, HUNGRY HORSE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

1992 SIGHTING BY SARAH SIGLER (USFS).

Information source:

CARLSON, J. C. 1990. RESULTS OF HARLEQUIN DUCK SURVEYS IN 1990 ON THE FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, MONTANA. UNPUBLISHED REPORT, 31PP.



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 019 HARLEOUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: TRAIL CREEK

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: FLATHEAD

USGS quadrangle: TRAILCREEK

MOUNT HEFTY

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

037N 022W 30 SE4NE4

Survey date: Elevation: 3800 -4280

First observation: 1990 Slope/aspect: Last observation: 1992-08-12 Size (acres):

Location:

TAKE THE NORTH FORK FLATHEAD ROAD PAST POLEBRIDGE TO FS ROAD #114, THEN CA. 3 MILES WEST.

Element occurrence data:

1990: MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS OF UP TO 4 YOUNG; MAY BE SEVERAL BROODS. 1992: 4-5 PAIRS PRESENT; MINIMUM 2 BROODS PRODUCED 8 YG; MARKED 2 FEMALES, 3 MALES, AND 4 YOUNG.

General site description:

A CA. 7 MILE SEGMENT OF MOUNTAIN STREAM, SECTIONS OF WHICH ARE INTERMITTENT DURING LATE SUMMER.

Land owner/manager:

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, GLACIER VIEW RANGER DISTRICT PRIVATELY OWNED LAND (INDIVIDUAL OR CORPORATE)
STATE LAND - UNDESIGNATED

Comments:

EXTENT OF OCCUPIED BREEDING HABITAT UNKNOWN.

Information source:

CARLSON, J. C. 1990. RESULTS OF HARLEQUIN DUCK SURVEYS IN 1990 ON THE FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, MONTANA. UNPUBLISHED REPORT, 31PP.



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 022 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: NORTH FORK BLACKFOOT RIVER

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: POWELL

LEWIS AND CLARK

USGS quadrangle: LAKE MOUNTAIN

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

016N 011W 23 NW4SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 4700 - First observation: 1992-08-28 Slope/aspect: -/-

Last observation: 1992-08-22 Size (acres):

Location:

FROM SR 200 EAST OF OVANDO, FOLLOW SIGNS TO NORTH FORK BLACKFOOT RIVER TRAILHEAD AND GO UP TRAIL CA. 1 MILE.

Element occurrence data:

1992: 3 DUCKS SIGHTED - JUVENILES, OR HEN WITH 2 JUVENILES.

1991: HEN WITH 4 JUVENILES SIGHTED (T17N, R10W, S31).

General site description:

Land owner/manager:

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST, SEELEY LAKE RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

ACTUAL BREEDING LOCATION UNKNOWN, SINCE BROODS MIGHT HAVE TRAVELED SOME DISTANCE BY DATE OF THESE SIGHTINGS.

Information source:

CASTREN, CHAD. 1992. [REPORT ON FIELD SURVEYS FOR HARLEQUIN DUCKS, SUMMER 1992.]



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 023 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: LITTLE SALMON CREEK

EO rank:

EO rank comments:

County: FLATHEAD

USGS quadrangle: MARMOT MOUNTAIN

PAGODA MOUNTAIN

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

022N 014W 27 NE4NW4

Survey date: Elevation: 4200 -4250

First observation: 1992-07-23 Slope/aspect: -/-

Last observation: 1992-07-24 Size (acres):

Location:

IN THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS CA. 1.25 MILES UP LITTLE SALMON CREEK FROM THE SOUTH FORK FLATHEAD RIVER.

Element occurrence data:

FEMALE WITH 5 YOUNG (LIGHT COLORED, DOWNY LOOKING) OBSERVED. ALSO FEMALE WITH 3 YOUNG SIGHTED CA. 1 MILE DOWNSTREAM, NEAR PACK BRIDGE.

General site description:

CA. 2 MILE SEGMENT OF MOUNTAIN STREAM.

Land owner/manager:

BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

EXTENT OF OCCUPIED BREEDING HABITAT UNKNOWN.

Information source:

CASTREN, CHAD. 1992. [REPORT ON FIELD SURVEYS FOR HARLEQUIN DUCKS, SUMMER 1992.]



HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 024 HARLEOUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: WHITE RIVER

EO rank:

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County: FLATHEAD

POWELL

USGS quadrangle: HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

021N 012W 6 SE4SW4

Survey date: Elevation: 4700 -4850

First observation: 1992-07-19 Slope/aspect: -/-

Last observation: 1992-07-21 Size (acres):

Location:

IN THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS, NEAR THE CONFLUENCE OF WHITE RIVER AND ITS SOUTH FORK, CA. 15 AIR MILES ENE OF BENCHMARK.

Element occurrence data:

3 BROODS SIGHTED; 2 (FEMALE +3, FEMALE +1) AT SOUTH END OF CANYON BELOW NEEDLE FALLS AND 1 (FEMALE +2) CA. 0.5 MILE DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE.

General site description:

CA. 2 MILE SEGMENT OF MOUNTAIN STREAM.

Land owner/manager:

BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

EXTENT OF OCCUPIED BREEDING HABITAT UNKNOWN.

Information source:

CASTREN, CHAD. 1992. [REPORT ON FIELD SURVEYS FOR HARLEQUIN DUCKS, SUMMER 1992.]

Specimens:

Element Occurrence Record Harlequin Duck Surveys in Western Montana: 1992

HISTRIONICUS HISTRIONICUS * 029 HARLEQUIN DUCK

Global rank: G5 Forest Service status: SENSITIVE

State rank: S2 Federal Status: C2

Survey site name: SPOTTED BEAR RIVER

EO rank:

- EO rank comments:

County: FLATHEAD

USGS quadrangle: WHITCOMB PEAK

Township: Range: Section: TRS comments:

025N 014W 14 13

Survey date: Elevation: 4050 -4200

First observation: 1992-08-13 Slope/aspect: -/-

Last observation: 1992-08-13 Size (acres):

Location:

FROM HUNGRY HORSE, GO UP EAST SIDE OF RESERVOIR TO SPOTTED BEAR RIVER (CA. 50 MILES), THEN UP SPOTTED BEAR RIVER TO BEAVER CREEK CAMPGROUND.

Element occurrence data:

2 BROODS CAPTURED AND BANDED. ONE AT BEAVER CREEK (4 JUVENILES) AND ONE AT WHITCOMB CREEK (FEMALE WITH 3 JUVENILES).

General site description:

STREAM REACH OF CA. 2 MILES.

Land owner/manager:

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST, SPOTTED BEAR RANGER DISTRICT

Comments:

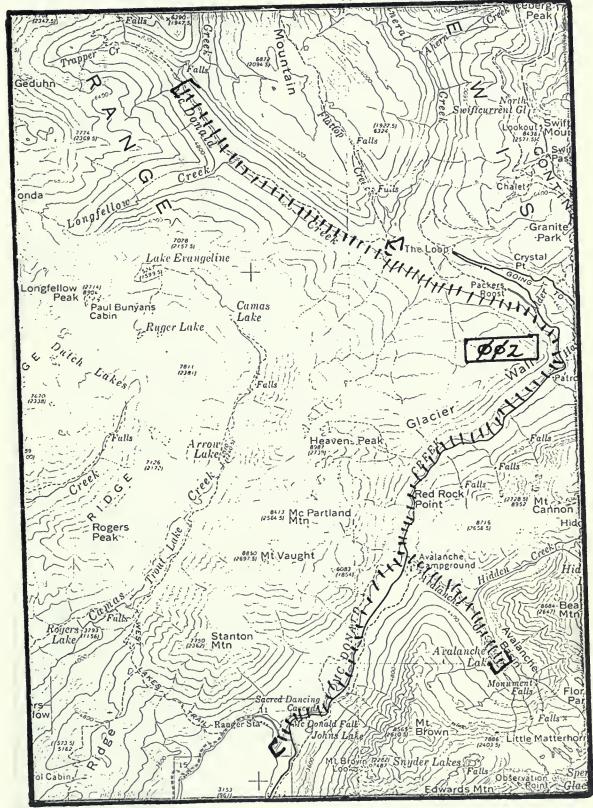
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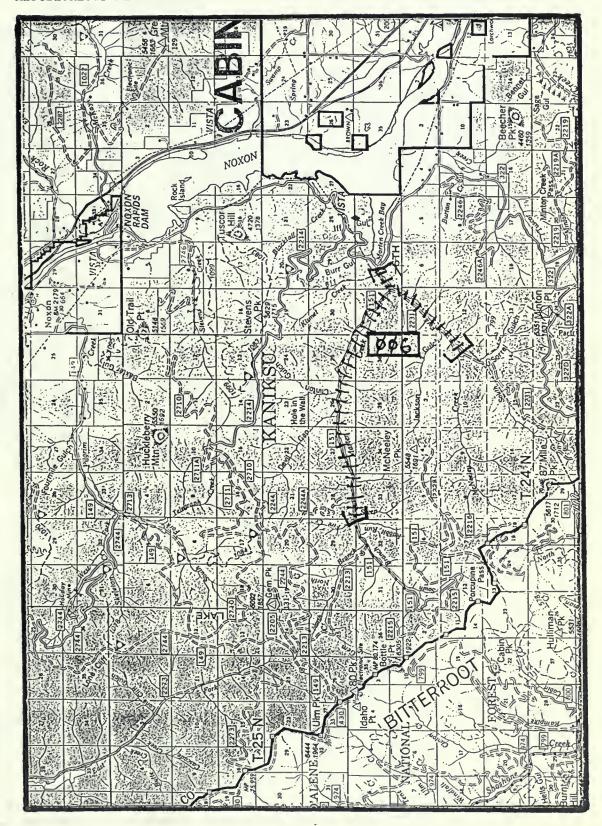
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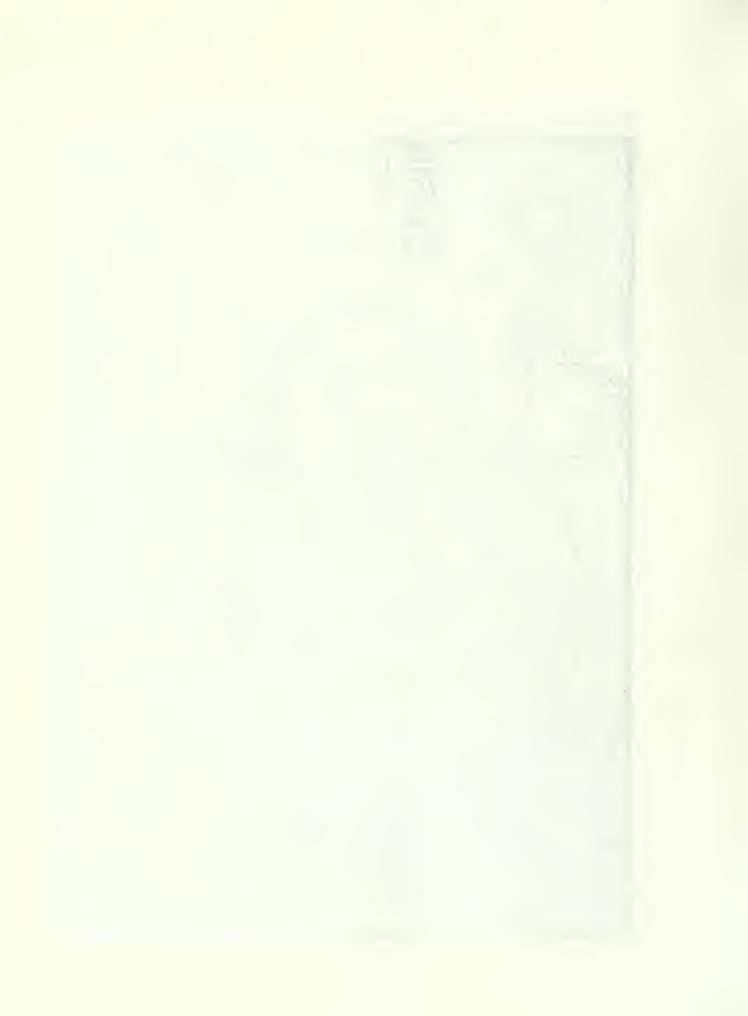


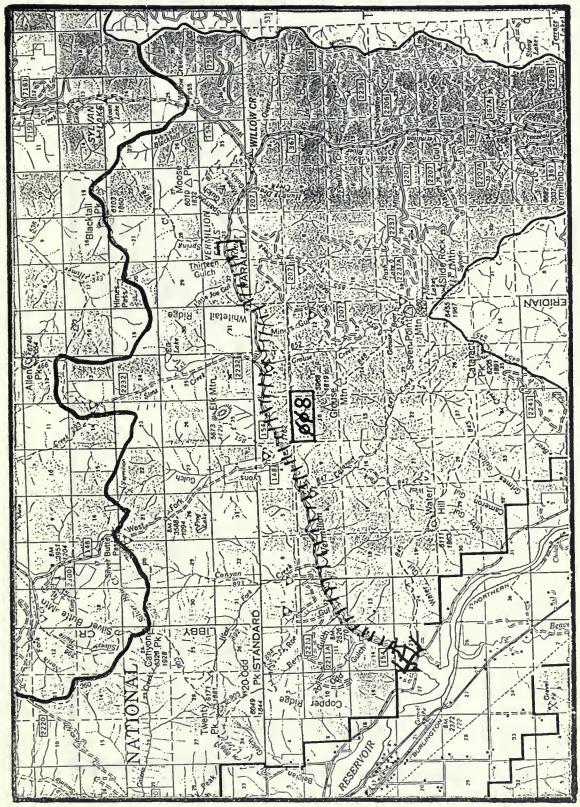
Appendix C. Maps of 1992 Element Occurrence Records



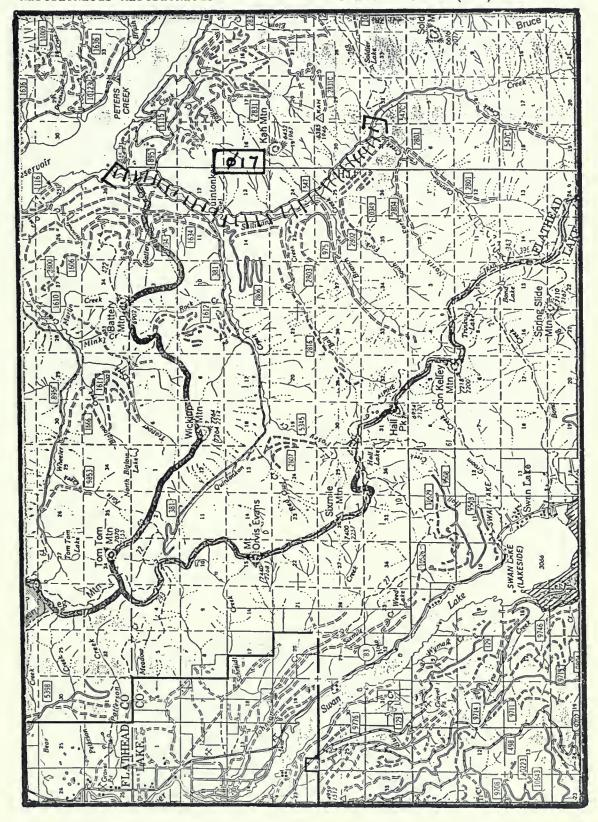




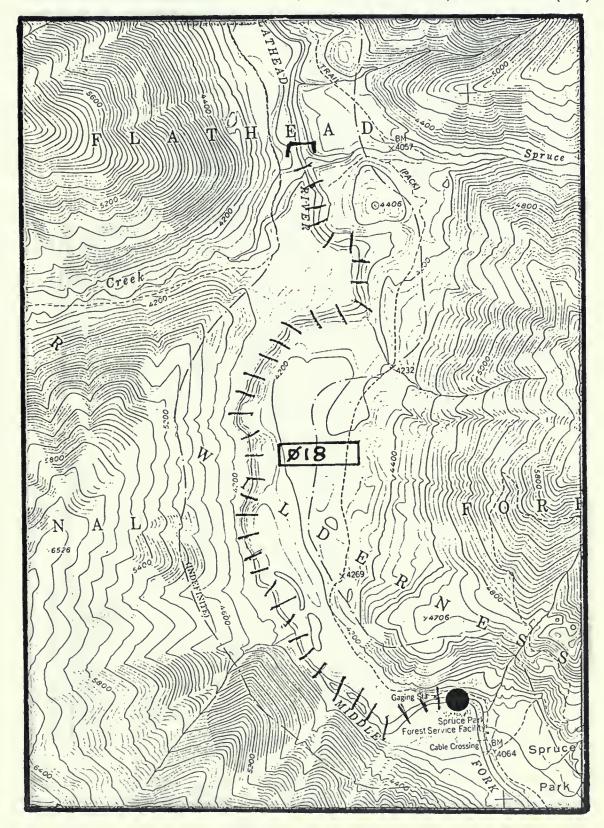




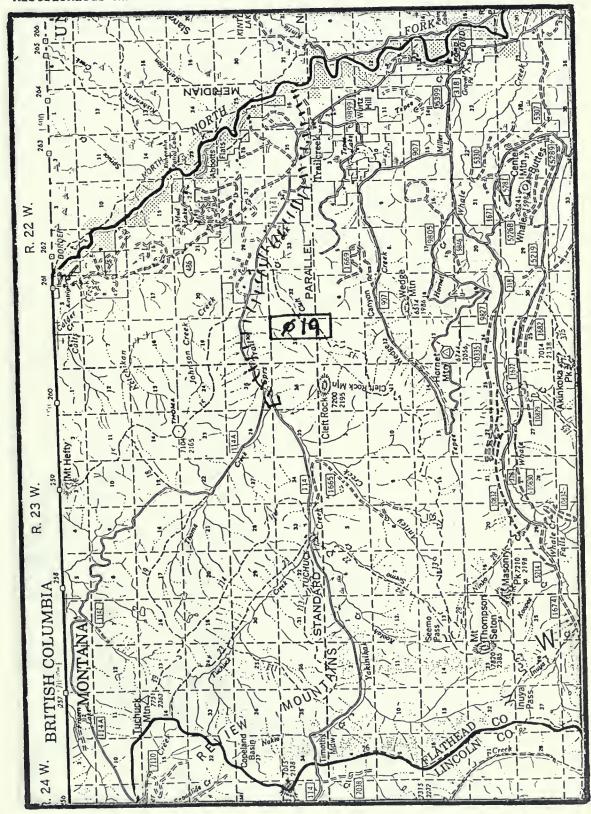




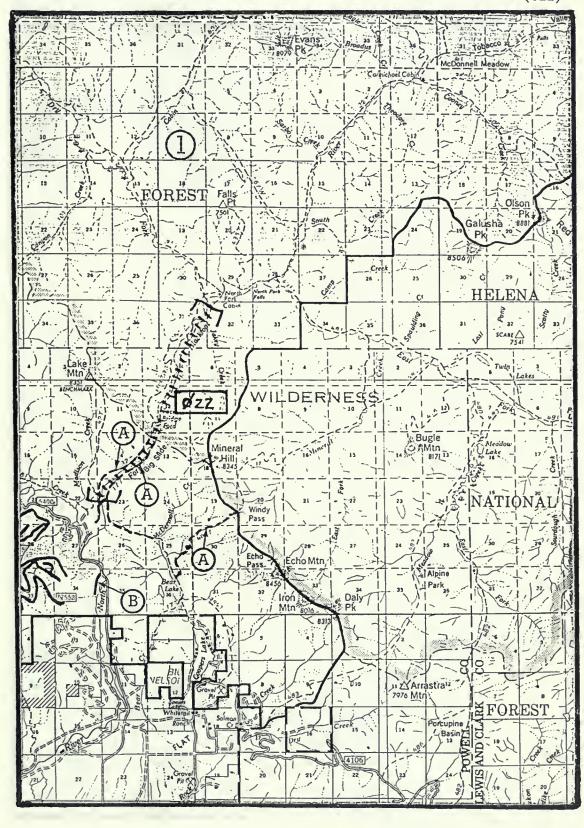




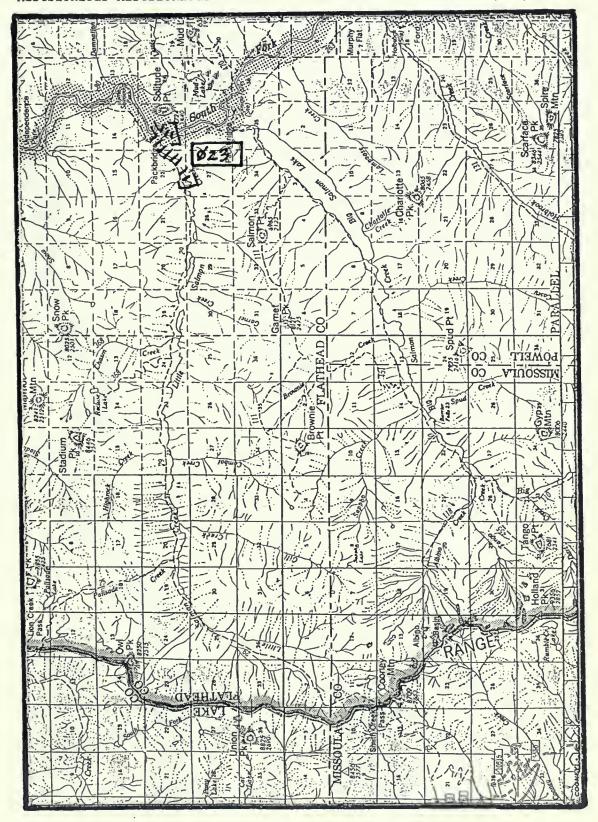


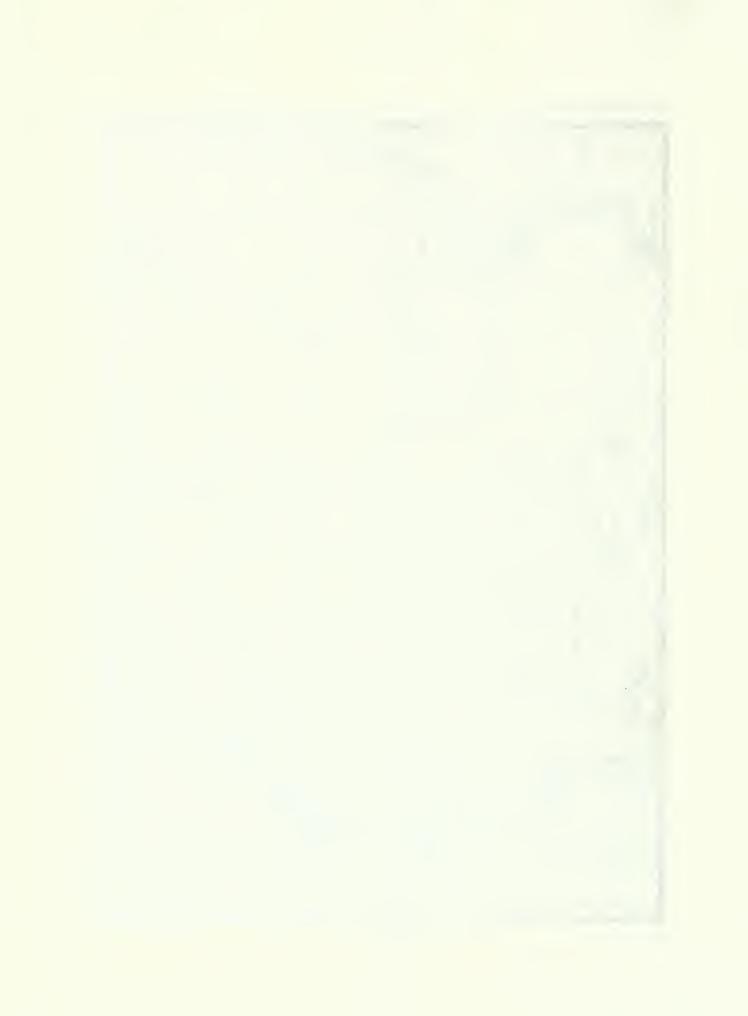


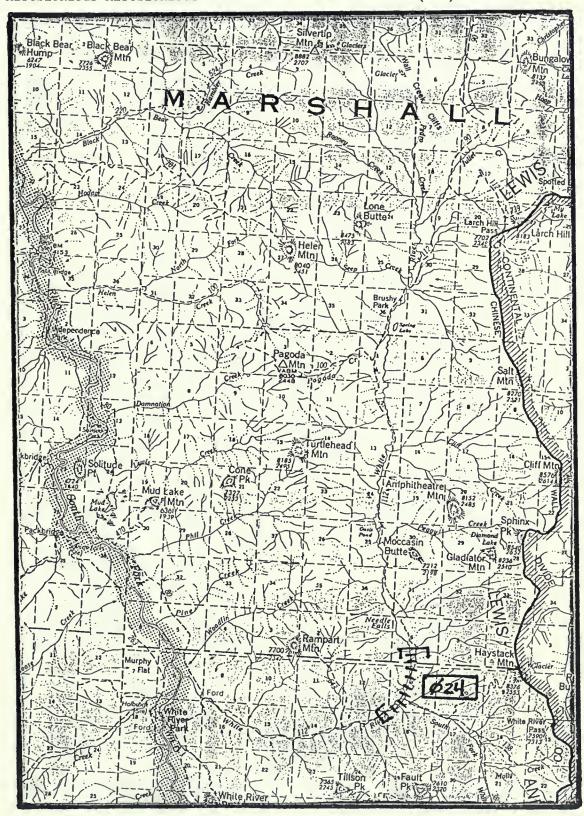




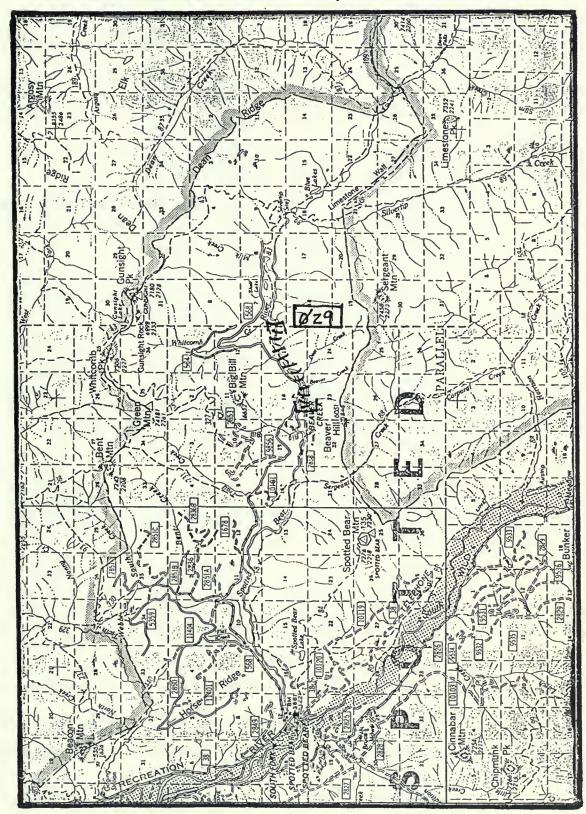














Appendix D. List of Harlequin Ducks marked in 1992

Harlequin Duck marking outside Glacier National Park utilizing nasal discs and USFWS bands.

Marten Creek, Kootenai National Forest, Sanders Co., MT

Site	USFWS Band #	Nasal Disc left	right
	755-76007 755-76008 755-76014 755-76015 755-76016 755-76017 755-76018 worn band on a	T-blk T-grn S-grn C-wht C-blu C-grn T-grn dult femal	T-grn S-red S-red S-red S-red T-grn e [double green triangle,

5 Aug 92
Juvenile 755-76019 S-red T-grn
Juvenile 755-76020 S-red T-blk
(with female 765-27556 [double black triangle] and 2 unmarked juveniles)

2) 4 Aug 92 Juvenile 755-76009 T-blk S-red Juvenile T-yel 755-76010 S-red Adult Female 755-76011 T-yel T-grn Juvenile 755-76012 S-ora S-red Juvenile 755-76013 S-blu S-red 3) 29 May 92

Adult Male 765-27561 T-Grn T-Grn

(2 pairs and 2 single males were banded in 1991)

Vermillion River, Kootenai National Forest, Sanders Co., MT

1) 2 June 92 Adult Male 765-27562 T-yel T-yel



Trail Creek, Flathead National Forest, Flathead Co., MT Nasal Disks Site USFWS Band # left right 1) 12 Aug 92 S-red T-yel S-red S-ora S-red S-blu S-ora T-grn Juvenile 755-76042 Juvenile 755-76043 Juvenile 755-76044 Adult Female 755-76045 Juvenile 755-76046 S-red S-grn 2) 10 June 92 Adult Male 765-27563 C-blu Adult Female 765-27564 S-ora C-blu S-ora 3) 10 June 92 Adult Male 765-27565 C-red C-red Adult Female 765-27566 C-blu C-blu 4) 11 June 92 Adult Male 765-27567 C-grn C-grn (with unmarked female and male 765-27563)

Spotted Bear River, Flathead National Forest, Flathead Co., MT

1)	13 Aug 92			
	Juvenile male	765-27589	C-red	C-grn
	Juvenile ?male	765-27590	C-red	C-blu
	Juv. female	765-27591	C-red	C-wht
	Juv. female?	765-27592	C-red	S-grn
2)	13 Aug 92			
	Juvenile ?male		C-red	S-blu
	Juvenile ?male	765-27594	C-red	S-red
	Adult female	765-27595	C-red	C-red
	Juv. male?	765-27596	C-red	T-yel



Colored Leg Bands used in Glacier National Park

p = pink
r = red
g = green
b = blue
y = yellow
w = white
o = orange
s = silver (FWS band)
(pink/USFWS for 1992 juveniles)

Glacier National Park

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Site		USFWS Band #	Plastic l left	eg pands right
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1)	10 Aug 92			
-,	Juvenile	755-76021	o/g	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76022	o/b	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76023	о/у	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76024	o/w	p/s
	Adult Female	755-76025	o/g	o/s
	Juvenile	755-76026	0/0	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76027	g/o	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76028	.b/o	p/s
	(1-2 additiona	l juveniles we	re present	but not captured)
2)	10 Aug 92			
-,	Juvenile	755-76029	p/s	o/g
	Juvenile	755-76030	p/s	o/b
	Adult Female	755-76031	o/b	o/s
	Juvenile	755-76032	p/s	o/y
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3)	11 Aug 92			
	Adult Female	755-76033	о/у	o/s
	Juvenile	755-76034	p/s	o/w
	(one additiona	l juvenile was	present bu	it not captured)
3A)	2 Sept 92			
·	Juvenile	755-76047	p/s	b/o
	Juvenile	755-76048	p/s	y/o
	Juvenile	755-76049	p/s	w/o
	Juvenile	755-76050	y/b	p/s
	Adult Female	755-76051	0/s	o/b
4)	10 Aug 92			
•	Juvenile	765-27568	b/w	p/s
	Juvenile	765-27569	g/w	p/s
	Juvenile	765-27570	w/w	p/s
	Adult Female	765-27571	w/b	w/s
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Glac	ier National Pa	rk (cont.)		
Site		USFWS Band #	Plastic] left	leg bands right
431	2 Sept 92			
4A)	Juvenile	755-76053	λ\à	p/s
5)	11 Aug 92			
•	Juvenile	765-27572	w/b	p/s
	Adult Female	765-27573	g/w	w/s
	Juvenile	765-27574	p/s	b/w
	Juvenile	765-27575	p/s	g/w
	Juvenile	765-27576	p/s	W/W
	Juvenile	765-27577	p/s	w/b
	Juvenile	765-27578	p/s	<pre>w/g ut not captured)</pre>
	(one addictiona	ii juveniie was	present b	de not captured,
6)	11 Aug 92 (2 g			,
	Adult Female	765-27579	b/w	W/s
	Juvenile	765-27580	w/g	p/s
	Juvenile Juvenile	765-27581	p/s	o/r
	Juvenile	765-27582 765-27583	p/s p/s	w/r y/r
	ouvenille	705-27505	P/ 5	У/ 1
	Juvenile	765-27584	s	p
	Adult Female	765-27585	w/s	g/w
7)	11 Aug 92			
·	Adult Female	765-27586	W/s	W/W
	Juvenile	765-27587	p/s	g/r
	Juvenile	765-27588	o/r	p/s
7A)	2 Sept 92			
-	Adult Female	755-76054	o/s	o/y
	Juvenile	755-76055	у/у	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76056	y/w	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76057	p/s	A\a
	Juvenile	755-76058	p/s	y/p
8)	11 Aug 92			
	Juvenile	755-76035	p/s	0/0
	Adult Female	755-76036	0/W	o/s
9)	11 Aug 92			
	Juvenile	755-76037	y/o	p/s
	Adult Female	755-76038	0/0	o/s
	(two additions	al unmarked dow		
10)	11 Aug 92			
•	Adult Female	755-76039	o/s	o/g
	Juvenile	755-76040	w/o	p/s
	Juvenile	755-76041	p/s	g/o



Appendix E. Maps of locations of Harlequin Ducks marked in 1992

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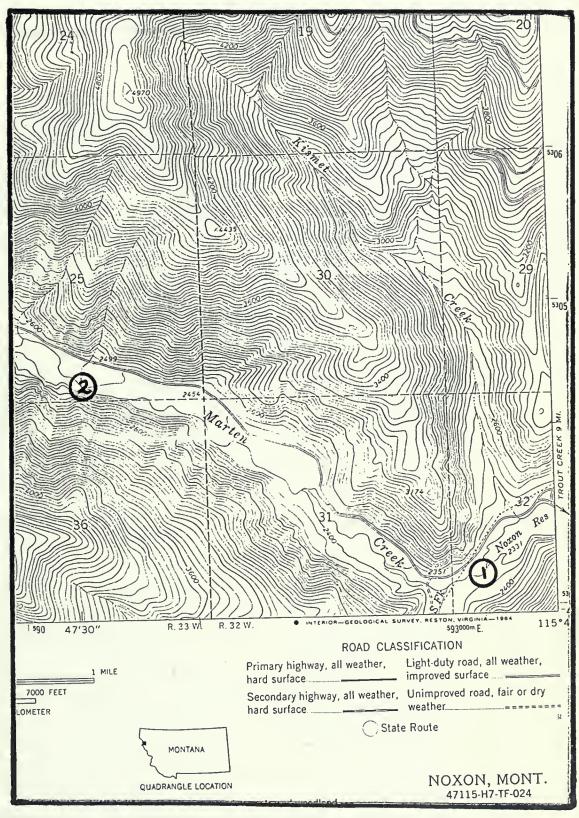


Figure . Marten Creek Harlequin Duck marking sites, 1992.

QUAD: Noxon



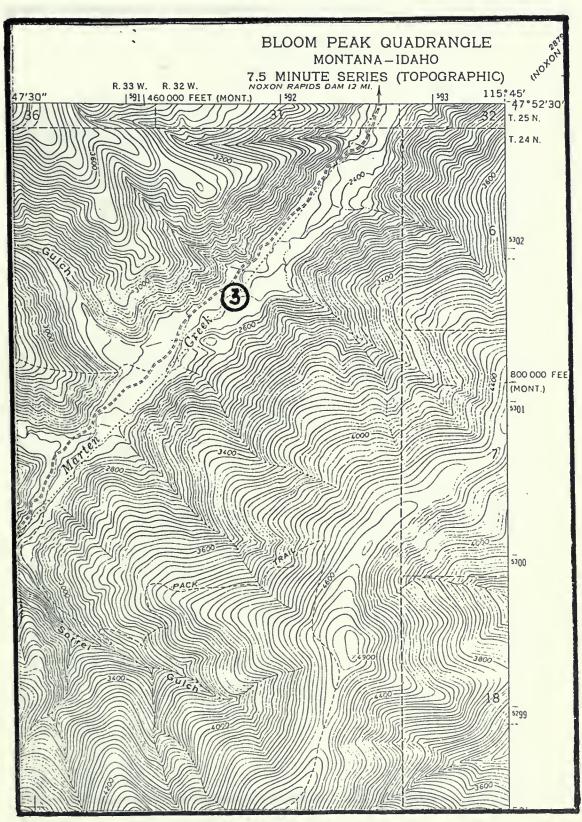


Figure . Marten Creek Harlequin Duck marking site, 1992. QUAD: Bloom Peak



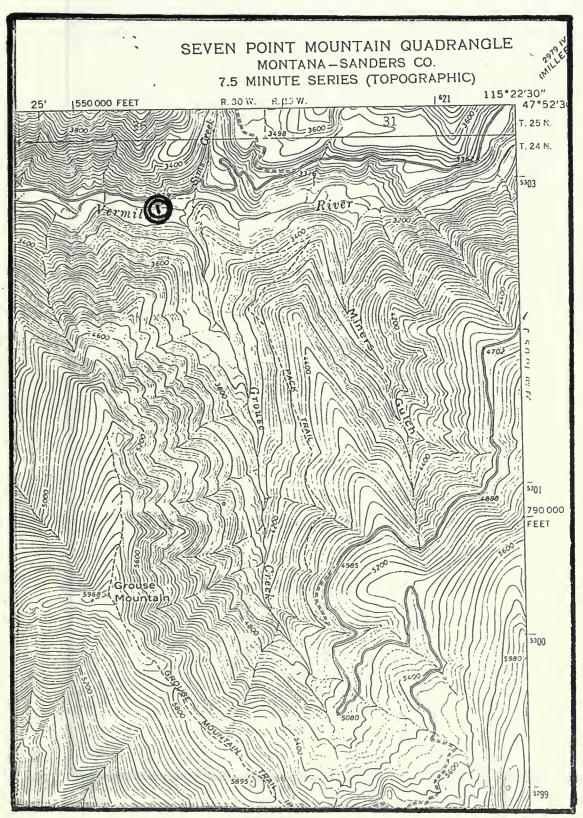


Figure . Vermilion River Harlequin Duck marking site, 1992.

QUAD: Seven Point Mountain



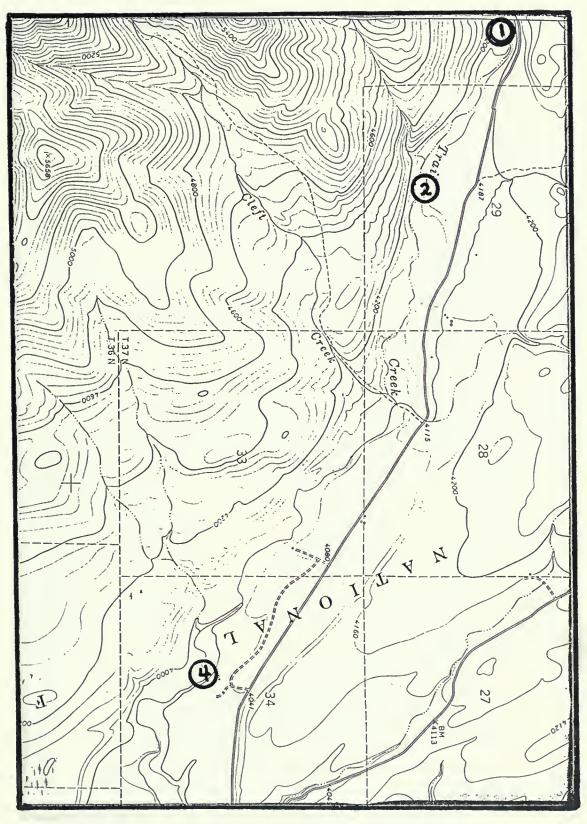


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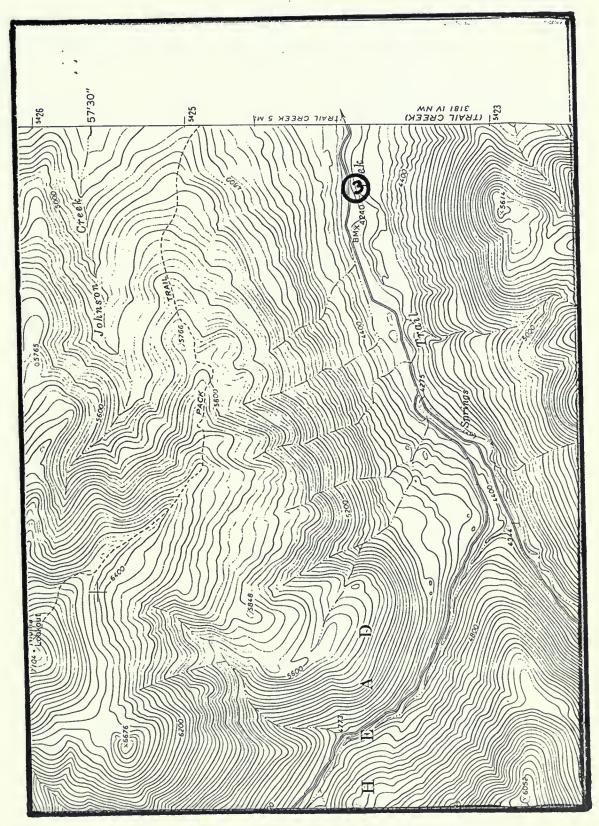


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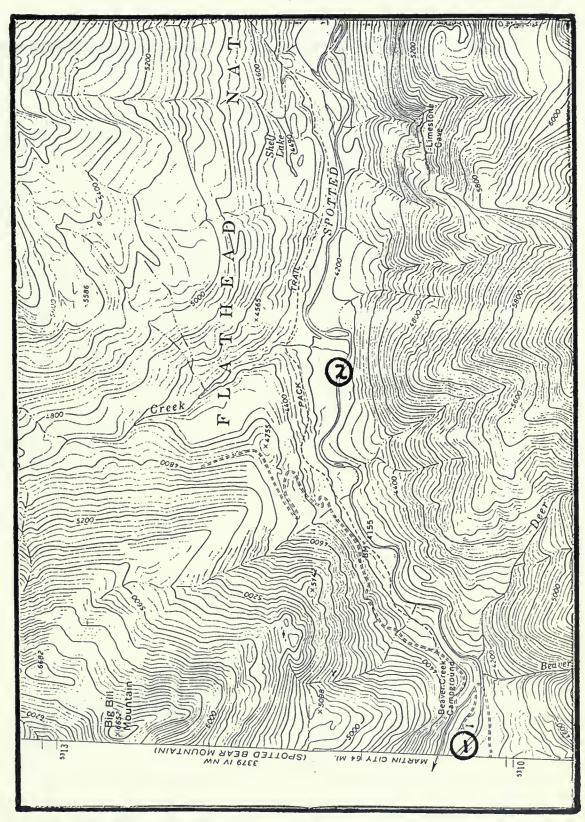


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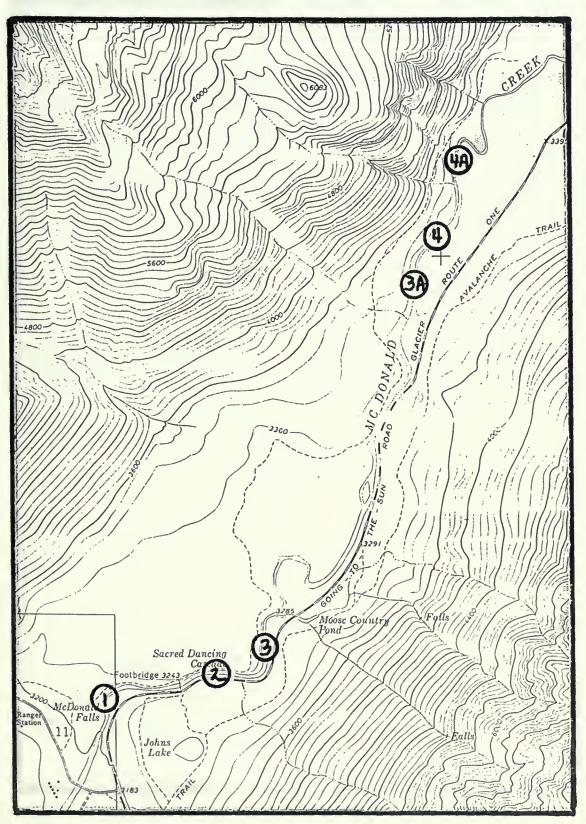


Figure . McDonald Creek Harlequin duck marking sites, 1992.

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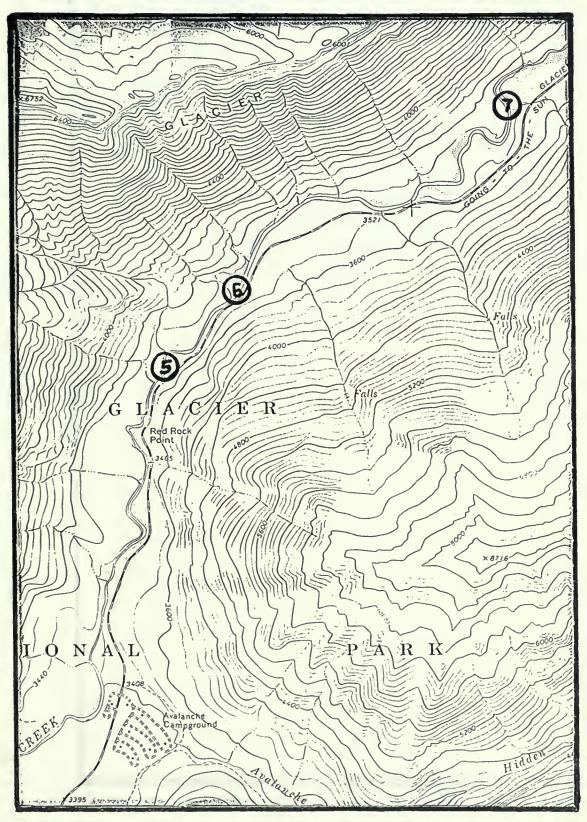


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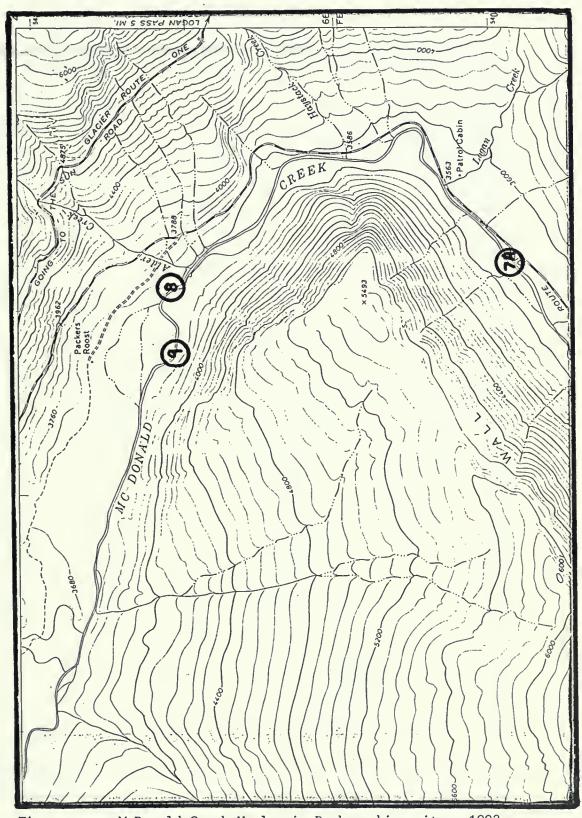


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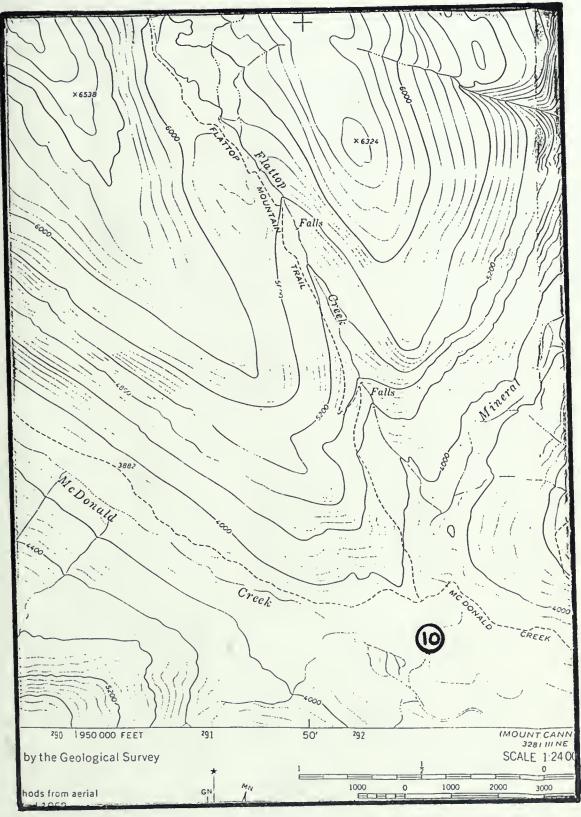


Figure . Mineral Creek Harlequin Duck marking site, 1992. QUAD: Ahern Pass

